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1. FRENCH PROPOSALS FOR PARA 11 AND SUGGESTED COMPROMISE FOR THAT PARA WORKED OUT WITH DE ROSE (REFTEL) LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT DIFFERENCE REFLECTED IN PHRASES "ACCORDING TO THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR RELATIONS" AND "ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR RELATIONS" MIGHT BE OVERCOME BY A REVISION OF PARA 11 THAT: (A) ELIMINATES FROM THE PARA EITHER OF THE FOREGOING PHRASES; (B) PRESERVES OPERATIVE PHRASE "THEY WILL USE ALL APPROPRIATE MEANS OF CONSULTATION," BUT MOVES IT TO SECOND SENTENCE; (C) AND RETAINS "IN THE SPIRIT OF THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND BASED ON THE PURPOSES THEY SHARE" AS A PREAMBULAR PHRASE IN THE FIRST SENTENCE. MOREOVER, WE WOULD PROPOSE DEALING WITH THE DIFFERENCES OVER "THEIR INTERESTS" AND "THE INTERESTS OF THE ALLIANCE" BY INCLUDING BOTH. THUS, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH UK

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DELEGATION, YOU MAY PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING REVISION OF

PARA 11: "IN THE SPIRIT OF THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND EQUALITY, AND BASED ON THE PURPOSES THEY SHARE, THE ALLIES ARE CONVINCED THAT THE FULFILMENT OF THEIR COMMON AIMS REQUIRES THE MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE CONSULTATION, COOPERATION AND MUTUAL TRUST, THUS FOSTERING THE CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR DEFENSE AND FAVORABLE FOR DETENTE, WHICH ARE COMPLEMENTARY. THEY UNDERTAKE TO KEEP EACH OTHER FULLY INFORMED AND TO STRENGTHEN THE PRACTICE OF FRANK AND TIMELY CONSULTATION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THEIR COMMON INTERESTS, USING ALL APPROPRIATE MEANS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THEIR INTERESTS AND THOSE OF THE ALLIANCE CAN BE AFFECTED BY EVENTS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD THEY WISH ALSO TO ENSURE THAT THEIR ESSENTIAL SECURITY RELATIONSHIP IS SUPPORTED BY HARMONIOUS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THEY WILL IN PARTICULAR WORK TO REMOVE SOURCES OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THEIR ECONOMIC POLICIES, AND TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH ONE ANOTHER."

2. WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER TO ADVANCE THIS REVISION IN THE JUNE 10 NAC, OR TO CONTINUE YOUR BILATERAL EFFORTS WITH THE FRENCH. IN ANY CASE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY WORD OF FRENCH AND UK REACTIONS.

3. FURTHER, OUR REVIEW OF THE PRESENT DECLARATION TEXT SUGGESTS THAT IT WOULD BENEFIT FROM SOME GOOD EDITORIAL SCRUBBING IN AN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE REDUNDANCIES. THIS TASK MIGHT BE HANDLED BY THE SPC, THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, OR BY REPRESENTATIVES OF KEY DELEGATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WORKING IN A SMALL GROUP. KISSINGER

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